

**9-16A. Civil Judicial Enforcement Actions, Including Collection Actions  
(1200 TN 350 9-16A)****1. AUTHORITY.**

- a. To cause civil judicial actions to be commenced or to intervene in suits commenced pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act;
- b. to request the Attorney General to appear and represent the agency in any civil enforcement actions instituted under SDWA, including actions to collect unpaid penalties;
- c. to request the AG to decline to prosecute a previously referred civil judicial action or cease prosecution of a previously filed civil judicial action; and
- d. to appear and represent the agency in any SDWA action where the AG has refused or failed to appear and represent the agency, exclusive of appeals.

**2. TO WHOM DELEGATED.**

- a. The authorities in 1.a., 1.b., and 1.c. are delegated to the Deputy Regional Administrator.
- b. The authority in 1.d. is delegated to the staff attorneys of the Office of General Counsel.

**3. LIMITATIONS.**

- a. The delegatee must obtain the advance concurrence of the regional counsel on the legal sufficiency of the action before exercising the authorities in 1(a)-(d). The RC may waive concurrence in writing.
- b. The OECA AA must notify the appropriate RA prior to exercising the authorities in 1(a)-(c).
- c. The delegatee must notify the OECA AA prior to exercising the authorities in 1(a) and 1(c) and when exercising the authority in 1(b). The OECA AA may waive the requirement for notification in writing.

**4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**


- a. The authorities in 1(a)-(c) may be redelegated to the division director level, and no further. This authority may not be redelegated without formal amendment.
- b. The authority in 1(d) to represent the agency may be redelegated to staff attorneys, and no further. This authority may not be redelegated without formal amendment.

- c. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

## 5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Memorandum of Understanding between the Agency and the Department of Justice, June 1977, 42 Fed. Reg. 48942 (1977).
- b. Direct referral agreement memorialized in letter of September 29, 1983, from Alvin L. Alm, Deputy Administrator, to F. Henry Habicht, Assistant AG, regarding direct referrals; Sections 1414, 1423, 1431 and 1450(f) of SDWA.
- c. For referrals of requests for emergency SDWA Temporary Restraining Orders, see chapter 9 Delegation entitled "Emergency TRO's."

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